

DRAFT VISION PRINCIPLES

OCT. 12 2006

MISSION: The Kansas Health Policy Authority shall develop and maintain a coordinated health policy agenda that combines the effective purchasing and administration of health care with health promotion oriented public health strategies. The powers, duties, and functions of the Authority are intended to be exercised to improve the health of the people of Kansas by increasing the quality, efficiency, and effectiveness of health services and public health programs.

Access for All – Every Kansan should have access to patient-centered health care and public health services ensuring the right care, at the right time, and at the right place. Health promotion and disease prevention should be integrated directly into these services.

Quality and Efficiency in Health Care -- The health delivery in Kansas should emphasize positive outcomes, safety and efficiency and be based on best practices and evidence based medicine.

Affordable and sustainable Health Care -- The financing of health care in Kansas should be equitable, seamless, and sustainable for consumers, purchasers and government.

Promoting Health and Wellness -- Kansans should pursue healthy lifestyles with a focus on wellness -- to include physical activity, proper nutrition, and refraining from tobacco use -- as well as a focus on the informed use of health services over their life course.

Stewardship – The Kansas Health Policy Authority will administer the resources entrusted to us by the citizens and the State of Kansas with the highest level of integrity, responsibility and transparency.

Education and Engagement of the Public – The Kansas Health Policy Authority will educate Kansans about both health and health care delivery to encourage public engagement in developing an improved health system for all Kansans.